

WLAJ

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QUARTERLY ISSUES AND PROGRAMS LIST

January through March 2012

There is a Three Minute News Break
On WLAJ

Monday through Friday
At 9:00pm

Unemployment

Gas Prices

Food Stamps

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REGULARLY SCHEDULED News Programs

There is a five minute newscast Monday through Friday at 11:00PM

Good Morning America Saturday (8-9am)

Good Morning America Sunday (8-9am)
" This Week with George Stephanopoulos"

Sunday-Thursday: ABC World News Now (3a-5:30am)

UNEMPLOYMENT

1. Unemployment took a downward trend, and continues signaling a stronger job market. Labor Department says weekly applicants dropped 15,000 to a seasonally adjusted 372 last week. Four drops in five weeks and brings the four week average to 375,000 lowest since 2008. Experts say this is a positive sign. December dropped to 8.5% after a final boost in hiring, the lowest in three years. 200,000 jobs were added, and fell 13,000 to a seasonally adjusted 348,000.

1/06	9pm	1:21
2/03	9pm	:20
2/16	9pm	1:04

GAS PRICES

1. In January cheapest gas around was \$3.35 galloon, In February it was between \$3.47 & \$3.49, up \$.12 a gal. in a week. \$4.00 gal. could happen as early as April. Likely due to mild temps putting an increase on demand and the unrest in the Middle East. February 20th, the highest ever been for this time of year at \$3.69 up \$.44 since last week. By 3/27 has had been as high as \$4.15 gal as mentioned it would be, but it did happen earlier than predicted.

9pm	2/6	:22
9pm	2/19	2:09
9pm	2/20	:55

FOOD STAMPS

1. The State of Michigan is making it harder for families to receive food assistance—an “Asset Test” will soon be required to determine families’ financial need. Restrictions were put into place last fall, can’t have more than \$5,000 in assets or no more than 1 vehicle unless their second vehicle isn’t worth more than \$15,000. Critics say it will keep poor families from building up a savings.

9pm

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